

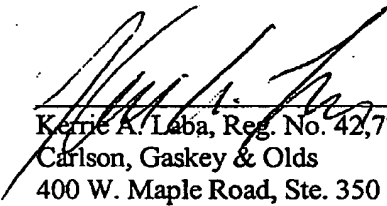
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rotating component and thus cannot be equated to a non-rotating component as defined in the claims. "Hub 100 and hub flange 101 are mounted for rotation with spindle 102 by means of a spindle nut 103 and washer 104." See col. 6, lines 33-35. As a result, the examiner's torque plate, i.e. element 100, which is identified as the hub in Main, is mounted to a rotating component and cannot be considered as corresponding to the claimed torque plate that is mounted to a non-rotating component. As such, Main cannot anticipate claim 1. For similar reasons Main cannot anticipate claims 2-4, 10, 11, 25, and 28.

Claims 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Main in view of Spindler (US 6572199). For the reasons set forth above, Main does not disclose, suggest, or teach the claimed invention. Spindler does not make up for the deficiencies of Main.

Applicant asserts that all claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an indication of such. Applicant believes that no additional fees are necessary, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

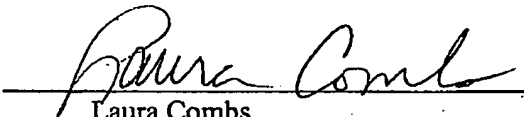
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